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For: TISSUE RECONFIGURATION

Examiner: J. W. Woo

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the publications listed on the attached PTO/B08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the publications be made of record therein.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

Those documents which are marked with a double asterisk (**) next to the Cite No. in the attached form PTO/SB08 are not supplied because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in prior application numbers 09/859,579 filed May 18, 2001, 09/574,424 filed May 19, 2000, 09/519,945 filed March 07, 2000 and 09/520,273 March 7, 2000 and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

The Applicant also reminds and/or calls the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:

Patent Applications	Filing Date	Title
10/819,995	April 8, 2004	Methods and Devices for Tissue Reconfiguration
10/820,127	April 8, 2004	Methods and Devices for Tissue Reconfiguration
10/819,957	April 8, 2004	Tissue Reconfiguration
10/677,633	October 2, 2003	Tissue Fixation Devices and Methods of Fixing Tissue
10/992,228	November 19, 2004	Methods and Devices for Tissue Reconfiguration
10/438,346	May 15, 2003	Methods and Devices for Tissue Reconfiguration
12/406,484	March 18, 2009	Methods and Devices for Tissue Reconfiguration
10/819,996	April 8, 2004	Tissue Reconfiguration

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56 (b).

It is submitted that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed publications.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 100873-273.

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Respectfully submitted,

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